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Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates Opening of \$4.7 Million MassWorks Roadway Project in Attleboro Commercial District

MassWorks funds construct the Judith H. Robbins Riverfront Park and Drive

Attleboro – July 17, 2017 – Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito today joined local officials and legislators in Attleboro to celebrate the opening of a \$4.7 million MassWorks Public Infrastructure Project awarded to the City in 2013. The project includes the construction of Riverfront Drive, a 1,930 foot roadway connecting Wall Street with Olive Street, parallel to the Ten Mile River's eastern bank.

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"The MassWorks program and other local infrastructure investments spur economic development, growth and jobs in communities like Attleboro across the Commonwealth," said **Governor Charlie Baker**. "By increasing MassWorks funding by \$35 million, and securing a \$500 million reauthorization of the program, our administration will continue to support our cities and towns in creating economic opportunity."

"MassWorks is a successful program that provides communities funding to propel further economic growth and job opportunities for residents," said **Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito**. "Revitalizing Attleboro's downtown commercial district will benefit the city, its residents and businesses."

"Often the first step to redevelopment is creating infrastructure that will attract private investment," said **Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash**. "Today, we celebrate a huge milestone in Attleboro as the city moves one step closer to creating an urban village."

In order to advance the Riverfront Road Project, the city along with Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) identified funding to relocate the DPW facility which was located within the Riverfront Road right of way. MassWorks funding demolished the existing facilities in preparation for the new roadway. The City contributed \$15 million in local funding to relocate the DWP site.

The public infrastructure project supports the Renaissance Station North mixed-use development project located at the new Attleboro Intermodal Transit Center. The development consists of 80 residential units and over 6,000 square feet of street level retail commercial space. The completed project represents \$11.2 million in private investment. In addition, plans for Renaissance Station South are underway, the project will include two buildings with 170 new units of housing and 10,000 sq. ft. of commercial space. The project represents \$40 million in private investment.

Moreover, Riverfront Drive will unlock several new TOD development parcels allowing for over 250 new units of housing.

"The City could not have progressed forward with our project without the financial backing and support from the Governor and his administration," said **Attleboro Mayor Kevin Dumas**. "Lieutenant Governor Polito continues to be a strong advocate for Attleboro and our initiatives. This is certainly proven by her direct involvement with this project and her strong commitment to all of our endeavors."

"Judith H. Robbins was a dear friend. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to her achievements than the Riverfront Park & Riverfront Drive," said **Senator Richard Ross**.

"The Mayor had a vision for the Riverfront which has transformed this whole area to become a beautiful jewel in the heart of the city," said **Representative Elizabeth Poirier**.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides public infrastructure funding to shovel-ready projects that generate new private investment in housing production and job creation. Since its inception in 2011, the MassWorks Program has invested over \$418 million through competitive grant rounds, in 215 projects throughout the Commonwealth. The 2016 competitive grant round awarded \$85 million to 34 projects in 33 communities.

In August 2016, Governor Baker signed [An Act Relative to Job Creation and Workforce Development \(H.4569\)](#) to reauthorize MassWorks and support \$500 million of future investment in critical infrastructure, a significant commitment by the Commonwealth. The Baker-Polito Administration has increased MassWorks funding by \$35 million over the past two fiscal years. Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$187 million to 88 projects in communities throughout the Commonwealth.

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